

保罗为教会劳苦

Paul's Labour for the Church

歌罗西书 1:24 – 2:5
Colossians 1:24 – 2:5



引言 Intro:

- 保罗要歌罗西教会的信徒对所传给他们的福音有信心, 知道这福音是全备的.

Paul wants the believers of Colossian church to have confidence in the gospel preached to them, and to know that it is sufficient and complete.



- 他要他们知道他们已经是神所宝贝的子民.

He wants them to know that they are God's precious people.

- 保罗让他们知道他是蒙神差遣来爱他们, 为他们受苦的.

Paul lets them know that he was sent by God to love them and suffer for them.



A. 教会 – 神眼中的瞳人 (v24-27)

The Church – the apple of God's eye

保罗要歌罗西教会的信徒知道神多么爱他们. 信徒就是神的教会.

Paul wants the believers of Colossian church to know how much God loves them. Believers are the church of God.



神的宝贝 - 教会:

The Darling of God – the Church:

- **保罗为教会受苦倒觉欢喜. (24a)**
Paul rejoiced in suffering for it. (24a)
- **基督为教会受苦. (24b)**
Christ suffers for it. (24b)



神的宝贝 - 教会:

The Darling of God – the Church:

- **保罗成为教会的仆人(管家). (25a)**
Paul became its servant (25a)
- **神指派保罗作教会的仆人. (25b)**
**God commissioned Paul to be a
servant for the church. (25b)**



神的宝贝 - 教会:

The Darling of God – the Church:

- 神向教会显明隐藏的奥秘. (26-27)
God disclosed the mystery to it. (26-27)

藉着**福音** 教会才得成为神眼中的瞳人!

It's through **the gospel** that the church
becomes the apple of God's eye!



B. 基督 – 福音的奥秘 (v26-27)

Christ – the mystery of the gospel

保罗好几次提到“奥秘”，是什么意思？

Paul mentions the “mystery” a couple of times, what does it mean?



“奥秘” “The Mystery

**现在 外邦人 (非犹太教徒)
是神救恩计划中的一部分!**

**The fact that *now* gentiles
are a part of God's plan for
salvation!**

怎能如此
?!?

How Can
It Be
?!?



- 虽然神曾向旧约先知零星的对这奥秘有些启示,但直到基督死而复活之后,人们才明白这奥秘。

Although God had hinted at this mystery to the OT prophets sporadically, people did not understand this mystery until Christ died and was resurrected.



- 在西 1:20, 我们知道这奥秘也包括了透过基督, *万有都要与神和好!*
(参考 罗 8:19-21)

In Col 1:20, we learn that this mystery also includes through Christ *all things are reconciled to God!*
(See Rom 8:19-21)



西 1:20 既然[神]藉著他[基督]在十字架上所流的血成就了和平，便藉著他[基督]叫 **万有**，无论是地上的、天上的 **都与自己** [神] **和好了**。

Col 1:20 and [God] through him [Christ] to ***reconcile to himself*** [God] ***all things***, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his [Christ] blood, shed on the cross.



保罗说他要把神的道传得全备时(第25节), 这就是他的意思:

This is what Paul means when he says he wants to present the word of God in its fullness (25):

a) 福音 **也赐给外邦人;**

the gospel **is given to the gentiles too;**

b) 福音要 **使万有与神和好.**

the gospel **reconciles all things to God.**



保罗在 西2:2 用一句话来概括这奥秘:

Paul summarizes this mystery with a sentence in Col 2:2:

要叫他们的心得安慰，因爱心互相联络，以致丰丰足足在悟性中有充足的信心，使他们真知神的奥秘，**就是基督**；

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, *namely, Christ,*

西 1:26 这道理就是历世历代所隐藏的奥秘；
但 *如今向他的圣徒显明了*。

Col 1:26 the mystery that has been kept hidden
for ages and generations, but is *now disclosed to
the Lord's people*.

信徒不须要在福音之外寻找任何
“秘密的属灵知识”。

Believers do not need to look outside of the
gospel for any *“secret spiritual knowledge”*.



C. 劳苦 – 与基督一同受苦 (1:24; 28-2:5) Labour – sharing Christ's suffering

西 1:24 现在我为你们受苦，倒觉欢乐；并且为基督的身体，就是为教会，要在我肉身上补满基督患难的缺欠。

Col 1:24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.



“要在我肉身上补满**基督患难**的缺欠”

“fill up in my flesh what is still lacking
in regard to **Christ's afflictions**”



不是 耶稣在十字架上的死，我们受死的工作还不
不完全，保罗要补上！

Not that the death of Christ on the cross is
incomplete and Paul wants to make it up!



耶稣基督在十字架上 **已经完成了** 救恩：

Jesus Christ **has accomplished** salvation on the cross:

约 19:30 耶稣尝了那醋，就说：「**成了！**」便低下头，将灵魂交付神了。

John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **“It is finished.”** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

“**基督患难**的缺欠”是指什么呢？

What is this “lacking in regard to **Christ's afflictions**”?


这是**教会**在地上作为主的见证人持续面对的患难。

It is the ongoing suffering of the church as the witness of Christ on earth.

为什么将“教会遭受的患难”称为“基督的患难”呢？

Why “the suffering of the church” is being called “the suffering of Christ”?



当教会受苦时, 基督与教会同受苦: 

Christ suffers with the church when it suffers:

徒 9:3-4 扫罗行路, 将到大马色, 忽然从天上发光, 四面照著他; 他就仆倒在地, 听见有声音对他说: 「**扫罗! 扫罗! 你为什麼逼迫我?**」

Acts 9:3-4 As he [Paul] neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

保罗要“**补满**”的是为教会受苦的患难。

What Paul wants to “**fill up**” is the affliction of suffering for the church.

也很可能保罗想要补满的是 **启 6:9-11** 里所提到的神指定的 **被杀的数目**。

It is also likely that what Paul would like to fill up is **the number of those who are to be killed** specified by God in Rev 6:9-11.



保罗和他的同工是怎样为教会劳苦的？

How did Paul and his co-workers labored for the church?

我们又是怎样为教会劳苦呢？

How, do we labour for the church?



a) 为主而做 Doing it for the Lord (2:1)

西 2:1b ...我为你们和老底嘉人，并**一切没有与我亲自见面的人**，是何等的尽心竭力；

Col 2:1bI want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and **for all who have not met me personally.**

保罗爱那些被上帝所爱的人 - 他爱上帝。

Paul loved those the Lord loved – Paul loved God.



b) 靠神的能力, 尽心竭力 (1:29, 2:1)
by the power of God, struggling

西 1:29 我也为此劳苦, **照著他在我里面运用的大能尽心竭力。**

Col 1:29 To this end I **strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.**

保罗靠神的力量来尽心竭力 – 与神同工。

Paul struggled with God's power – working with God.



c) 用诸般的智慧 with all wisdom (1:28a)

西 1:28a 我们传扬他，**是用诸般的智慧**，劝戒各人，教导各人.....

Col 1:28a He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone **with all wisdom**.....

有智慧的运用不同方法 – 积极和有创意。

Using various ways wisely – proactive and creative.



d) 把人完完全全引到神面前 (1:28b)
present everyone perfect in Christ

西 1:28b ...要把各人在基督里完完全全的引到神面前。

Col 1:28b ...so that we may **present everyone**
fully mature in Christ.

动机清楚的侍奉 – 按神心意。

Ministry with a clear purpose – according to
God's will.

e) 建立信徒 to build believers up (2:2-4)

西 2:2 要叫他们的心得安慰，因爱心互相联络，以致丰丰足足在悟性中有充足的信心，使他们真知神的奥秘，就是基督；

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西 2:4 我说这话，免得有人用花言巧语迷惑你们。

Col 2:4 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

心得激励 + 彼此相爱 + 认识基督 ...→ 成熟

Being encouraged + Loving one another
+ Knowing Christ ...→ Mature



不被迷惑 Not being deceived

结语 Concluding:

保罗让我们看到 Paul shows us that:

- a) 教会是上帝眼中的瞳人,
The church is the apple of God's eye;**
- b) 福音的奥秘就是基督,
The mystery of the gospel is Christ,**
- c) 保罗靠主作主忠心的仆人.
By the strength from God, Paul served
as the faithful servant of the Lord.**

神的教会、神的福音、
和神的事工在我们心目中
有着什么样的分量呢？

**What weight does God's church,
God's gospel, and God's ministry
have in our minds?**

